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Re: NEW(FM); Sheboygan, WI
Facility ID No. 176342
Bloomington Normal Broadcasting Corporation
BNPED-20071019AHO

Dear Applicant:

This letter refers to the above-captioned application for a new non-commercial educational FM facility to serve Sheboygan, WI.

An engineering study of the application reveals that the proposed directional antenna violates 47 C.F.R. § 73.510 (a). Section 73.510(a) states that noncommercial educational stations must comply with 47 C.F.R. § 73.316(b). Specifically, Section 73.316(b)(2) states that "[d]irectional antennas used to protect short-spaced stations pursuant to § 73.213 or § 73.215 of the rules, that have a radiation pattern which varies more than 2 dB per 10 degrees of azimuth will not be authorized." It has been the Commission's longstanding policy to apply the 2 dB/10° limitation to noncommercial educational stations protected under the analogous contour overlap section, 47 C.F.R. § 73.509. The proposal violates this policy. Specifically, between the azimuths of 230°and 240° T, the proposed radiation pattern varies by as much as 2.9 dB per 10 degrees. It is necessary to note that these azimuths are in the direction of a station where a directional antenna is necessary to prevent any prohibited overlap.

In light of the above, Application BNPED-20071019AHO is unacceptable for filing pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.3566(a) and is HEREBY DISMISSED. This action is taken pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 0.283.

Sincerely,

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cc: Richard Van Zandt